

RESOLUTION No. 2008-73-760

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT MORE STRINGENT HANDGUN REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the levels of gun violence across the State of Florida and the Country abroad has significantly increased in the past few years, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to curb gun violence, the City of Miami Gardens is requesting, that the State of Florida and the United States Congress enact stricter regulations on the gun sales, to include but not be limited to limiting handgun purchases to one handgun per month; requiring that lost or stolen firearms be reported to the police within 24 hours of the timeframe that they are discovered missing; permitting the removal of firearms from persons posing a risk of injury to themselves or to others, etc., and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens believes that it is imperative that the State and Federal Governments enact stricter regulations on the sales of guns so as to protect innocent victims from gun crimes,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. RECOMMENDATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby recommends that the State of Florida and the United States Congress enact legislation to enact stricter regulation on gun sales.

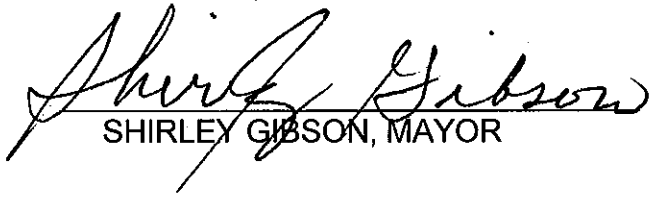
Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby instructed to serve a copy of this Resolution on the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate and to representatives of the United States Congress whose districts include the City of Miami Gardens.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2008.

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ANDRÉ WILLIAMS

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson  
SECONDED BY: Councilman Gilbert

VOTE: 6-0

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| Mayor Shirley Gibson             | <u>  x  </u> (Yes) | <u>    </u> (No)                |
| Vice Mayor Barbara Watson        | <u>  x  </u> (Yes) | <u>    </u> (No)                |
| Councilman Melvin L. Bratton     | <u>  x  </u> (Yes) | <u>    </u> (No)                |
| Councilman Oliver G. Gilbert III | <u>  x  </u> (Yes) | <u>    </u> (No)                |
| Councilman Aaron Campbell        | <u>    </u> (Yes)  | <u>    </u> (No) Out of country |
| Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett    | <u>  x  </u> (Yes) | <u>    </u> (No)                |
| Councilman André Williams        | <u>  x  </u> (Yes) | <u>    </u> (No)                |

# City of Miami Gardens

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Date: April 23, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No ☒ Yes ☐

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source:

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes ☐ No ☒

Sponsor Name/Department:

**Councilman André Williams**

Public hearing ☐

Ordinance ☐

1st Reading ☐

Advertising requirement: Yes ☐ No ☐

RFP/RFQ # \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☐ No ☐

Quasi-Judicial ☐

Resolution ☒

2nd Reading ☐

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## **Staff Summary**

The increasing levels of gun violence in the state of Florida and across the entire county shows no sign of diminishing without creating stricter more stringent guidelines. Currently, in the State of Florida there are no requirements for citizens over the age of 21 to possess, license, purchase or register a handgun. It is unlawful for minors, convicted felons, drug addicts, alcoholics, mental incompetents and vagrants to possess a firearm; however, a permit is needed to carry and or conceal a handgun. While it may be unlawful, criminals are able to circumvent the few rules and regulations governing handguns. As evidenced in the increased murders in the City of Miami Gardens, the State of Florida and across the nation.

## **Recommendation**

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